

to E & R Initial as amended. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 79.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is advanced. LB 53, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 53 offered by Senator Weihing. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The gentleman from Gering, Senator Weihing.

SENATOR WEIHING: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, there are communities that are relatively close together such as the community in which I live. Gering and Scottsbluff are just across the river from one another and if you were there in that community for the first time and I took you around, you would not know the difference when you were in Scottsbluff and Gering. Now this bill does not bring about any real change in the statutes. The bill simply allows for municipalities within close proximity, one, to organize a joint plumbing board pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act. See, all metropolitan and primary cities already have plumbing boards. That is within the statutes and they have to have. And, secondly, that the members of the board shall be residents of the cities or live within the zoning jurisdiction of the city. Now the purpose of this is a joint plumbing board may prove to be more efficient and less costly. It just makes things more easy to operate when you have adjoining cities or close by communities. Now each member of the board shall have to give bond, however, there is some new language there and that is the cost of which may be paid by such city or village which would certainly be an advantage to each board member. There is some language that was struck, it is archaic. In 1976 when it was required to have such a board, then it was necessary to have language as to staggered terms. It is no longer necessary to have that language within the statutes and so it was an opportunity to just simply clean up the language in the statutes. I do hope that you look upon this favorably and advance it because it can mean efficiency and maybe less costly where municipalities are close by.